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U.S. Patents

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
4,769,586	September 6, 1988	Kazmierowicz

The following documents were discussed in the specification of the application.

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<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor</u>
4,400,658	August 23, 1983	Yates
5,103,155	April 7, 1992	Joannou


U.S. Patent No. 4,769,586 to Kazmierowicz relates to a battery starter apparatus for coupling terminals of a battery to a power source. Means are provided for determining the polarity of both the battery and the source of power and thereafter coupling the two while observing proper polarity requirements. To this end, the battery starter apparatus includes a pair of conductors with means for connecting the conductors to a battery thereby causing one of the conductors to be at a higher relative potential and the other of the conductors to be at a lower relative potential due to the polarity of the battery. A control circuit couples the conductors to the power source and includes means for determining the polarity of the battery and thereafter coupling the higher potential conductor to the higher relative voltage means of the power source and the lower potential conductor to the lower relative voltage means of the power source. The battery jumper cable apparatus only permits the battery and the power source to be coupled when the battery voltage exceeds a preselected level. A transfer relay is also utilized to couple the battery to the power source.

The remainder of the patents listed were cited in the background of the present application and also relate to different techniques employed in the past by others to insure proper interconnection between vehicle batteries.

Applicant believes that none of the disclosed art, alone or in combination, fully or fairly discloses the structure or methodology described and claimed in this application. Accordingly, examination of the claims on the merits and allowance of the application as filed are respectfully requested.

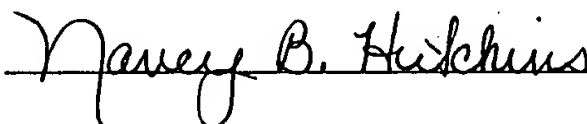
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